

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of determining if a use of a particular unit is fraudulent comprising the steps of,
monitoring the use of said particular unit, for a plurality of times that said unit is used,
to collect statistics concerning the use of said particular unit over a time period
having a specific length to establish a normal usage pattern for said particular unit,
said pattern being established over a plurality of uses of said unit,
determining if more than a predetermined deviation exists between the use of said
unit during a second period of time and said normal usage pattern,
taking a first type of action if said deviation is below a first value,
taking a second type of action if said deviation is above said first value.
2. (Original) A method for preventing unauthorized use of a particular unit
comprising the steps of,
monitoring the use of said particular unit to collect statistics to establish a normal
pattern of use of said particular unit, said pattern of use and said monitoring covering
a first period of time having a specific length and covering a plurality of times said
unit is used,
determining if there is more than a predetermined deviation between the use of said
particular unit and said normal pattern of use during a second period of time having a
length equal to said specific length,
taking a first type of action if said deviation is below a first value,
taking a second type of action if said deviation is above said first value.

3. (Original) A computerized system for preventing fraudulent use of a particular item,
first means which monitors use of said particular item to collect statistics over a first period of time having a specific length to establish a normal pattern of use of said particular item, said specific length covering a plurality of uses of said item,
second means which determines if there is more than a particular amount of deviation between use of said particular item during a second period having a length equal to said specific length and said normal pattern of use,
whereby a first type of action is taken if said deviation is below a first value, and a second type of action if said deviation is above said first value.
4. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 3 wherein said first means is a computer program.
5. (Original) The system recited in claim 3 wherein said second means is a computer program.
6. (Original) The method recited in claim 1 wherein said statistics are collected by a computer program.
7. (Original) The method recited in claims 1 wherein said determining step is done by a programmed computer.
8. (Original) The method in claim 2 wherein said unauthorized use is fraudulent.
9. (Original) The method recited in claim 2 wherein said collecting and determining are performed by a programmed digital computer.

10. (Original) A method of providing security for a particular item including, monitoring use of said particular item to collect statistics over a first period of time having a particular length to establish a normal pattern of use of said particular item, said pattern covering a plurality of uses of said item, determining if there is more than a predetermined deviation between the use of said particular item during a second period of time having a length equal to said particular length and said normal pattern of use, taking a first type of action if said deviation is below a first value, taking a second type of action if said deviation is above said first value.